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Man dies trying to rescue wife from Fraser River

TRAGEDY

Woman in stable condition after husband's body found in ocean

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

A 74-year-old man is dead after jumping into the Fraser River to save his wife, police said Monday.

According to Delta police, the couple were on their personal boat, moored to their houseboat on the Fraser River in the 4300 block of River Road West, when the woman fell into the water on Sunday. Her husband jumped in to try to save her.

A neighbour heard calls for help and rescued the woman, who was taken to hospital and is recovering in stable condition.

A search by the Canadian Coast Guard using a hovercraft on Sunday was unsuccessful in finding the man.

By mid-afternoon Monday, police said a body spotted floating near the Tsawwassen ferry terminal was recovered and identified as the missing man.

Neighbour George Rust, who pulled the woman to safety, identified the couple as Ladner residents Everett and Linda McGowin.

Rust, who has known the couple for at least 15 years, said he was in bed Sunday night when he heard noises outside.

"I went downstairs to have a look and found my neighbour floundering in the water," he told Metro. "I managed to get a ladder in the water and haul her up."

Rust then tried to find Everett. Using a neighbour's boat, he searched the shoreline but found no sign of the man.

"I didn't know if he was anywhere in the water," Rust recalled the scene, still clearly shaken. "I can only surmise that he jumped in after her. He would. That's just what his due duty would have been."

Rust said he isn't sure how Linda ended up in the water. He said she recently underwent knee surgery and wondered if her leg may have given out from under her.

Rust described the couple as keen businesspeople. Everett, who was the principal owner of the O.K. Boot Corral business in Gastown, had recently said wanted to retire, he said.

"He's a remarkably resourceful man," he said. "He has a lot of clever ideas. Just a real smart fellow."

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Yaletown project moves forward despite lawsuit

DEVELOPMENT

City is trying to 'ram' through housing plan, residents say

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

Yaletown residents have accused the City of Vancouver of expediting a controversial project that's central to an unfolding legal battle.

At issue is the city's deal with Brenhill Developments for extra density at 508 Helmcken St. in exchange for social housing at 1099 Richards St.

The B.C. Supreme Court quashed the project earlier this year after ruling the city was too secretive about the deal, but the city appealed the decision, stating the judge created uncertainty and put a dozen other developments at risk.

Yet before the court hears the city's appeal — it's tentatively scheduled for April 17, according to the plaintiff, the Community Association of New Yaletown — the city will hold a new development permit meeting for the social housing project and a new public hearing for the rezoning of the Helmcken site. If the permit and rezoning applications get approval, construction could resume before the results of the appeal.

"It's quite hypocritical of them to be seeking clarity but to try to ram this through before the appeal process," association president Jon Green said Monday.

His group launched an online petition asking the city to reject the new permit and rezoning applications in order to address the judge's ruling and better consult the public.

Green criticized the decision to deal with the two buildings separately, after the judgment called that "unduly restrictive" due to the integrated nature of the project. He argued it's "putting the cart before the horse" to consider a development permit for the social housing project on Tuesday and the rezoning next week since the social housing project was contingent on a taller tower.

"It's mind-boggling the city is going through and pretty much ignoring what the judge said in his ruling," Green said.

But the city's head planner Brian Jackson is adamant the city is respecting the judgment as it moves forward.

In response to the judge's main concerns the city expanded the scope of notification for the bylaw change and rewrote the rezoning report to include more details, Jackson said Monday.

Construction of social housing at 1099 Richards St. in Yaletown has stalled due to a legal battle between residents and the City of Vancouver. THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

The city will not drop the appeal because the decision had wider implications on trading density bonuses for social housing, Jackson said, but that doesn't mean the development is a sure thing.

"This is not a done deal. This has to go through the proper regulatory processes related to public input," he said.

ENVIRONMENT

Experts find source of future quake

Experts studying the second-biggest earthquake measured in Canadian history have zeroed in on the Pacific archipelago of Haida Gwaii as the likely source of a future large quake and tsunami.

An earthquake off British Columbia's coast in the same area in October 2012 relieved some of the region's tectonic strain, but new research shows the shifting also increased pressure immediately south of the islands along the Queen Charlotte Fault.

"What this has done in essence is raise the possibility of future thrust earthquakes and tsunamis along this part of the British Columbia margin," said Thomas James, a researcher with the Geological Survey of Canada.

James is one of the lead authors of a compendium of studies analyzing various facets of the recent earthquake, most of which were published Monday in the Bulletin of the Seismological Society of America.

The Pacific and North American tectonic plates mostly slide along one another, but where those plates meet at certain points along the Queen Charlotte Fault they also push against each other, he explained.

The release of that pushing pressure gave rise to the thrust earthquake of 2012.

"Any large earthquake can generate a tsunami but thrust earthquakes are especially effective." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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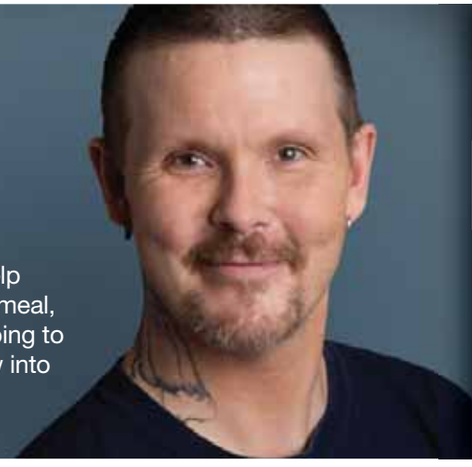

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Retired B.C. doctor, 88, killed in Bahamas home

Long-time B.C. physician Dr. Geoffrey Harding, 88, was stabbed to death in his vacation home. COURTESY THOR PRUCKL

MAN ARRESTED

Police suspect fatal stabbing occurred during robbery

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

A retired B.C. physician who was brutally killed in the Bahamas last week is being remembered for his compassion and dedication to practising in rural communities.

Dr. Geoffrey Harding, 88, was stabbed to death in his vacation house in Clarence Town, Long Island, late last Wednesday, son-in-law Thor Pruckl confirmed to Metro on Monday.

A gardener who arrived at Harding's home discovered his body Thursday.

"Normally Geoff came out in the morning and brought refreshments," Pruckl said on the phone from the Bahamas. "But he never came out."

The family is struggling to come to grips with the devastating loss, said Pruckl.

He said police told him they believe his father-in-law was the victim of a robbery that took a violent turn.

"(The suspect) broke into the house and obviously demanded money," he said.

"Geoff was by no means a wealthy individual, and you don't pack cash down here. It sounds like that wasn't the right answer and he got stabbed for that."

According to local media reports, a 43-year-old man who is known to police was arrested Saturday night in connection with the homicide.

> **Geoff was by no means a wealthy individual.**
> Son-in-law Thor Pruckl

A British expat, Harding had a long and illustrious career practising in small towns throughout B.C., from Dawson Creek to Chetwynd, Williams Lake, Creston, New Westminster and Gabriola Island.

After retiring about a decade ago, Harding would spend part of the year living in the Bahamas. He bought a property there in the early 1960s, said Pruckl.

"It was always his dream to build a house here and live down here," he said. "He liked water and he loved the ocean."

Describing his father-in-law as "extremely caring and very unselfish" and a man who would "literally give you the shirt off his back," Pruckl said Harding's death is a tragic loss.

"He touched a lot of people," he said. "He made a lot of people's lives much better and it's really sad to see that prematurely taken away."

HYDRO RATES

Schools forced to pay: MLA

The provincial government has offloaded the cost of rising hydro rates on school districts, forcing cuts in the classroom, MLA Adrian Dix said Monday.

The move also results in a heavier tax burden for homeowners and middle-income earners, he said.

Dix told a news conference held in front of Renfrew Elementary school in east Vancouver that failed government policies led to a 28 per cent increase in hydro rates over a five-year period.

That will result in schools paying an extra $30 million, which school districts will be forced to find in their budgets, resulting in cuts in the classroom, Dix said.

"If they want to cut education, they should be honest about it, not download the cost on schools," the MLA told reporters.

"What they're forcing school districts to do is pay for hydro policies that have failed."

"They are forcing school districts to cut in the classroom to pay for hydro rates," he added.

He said hydro was forced to raise rates because of such failed government hydro policies as forcing BC Hydro to purchase expensive power from private power projects, which led to a $1.4 billion loss.

Cost overruns on other projects also led to the rate increases, as did the government taking a share of hydro revenue to help balance the budget, Dix said.

At the same time, he added, the B.C. Liberals chose to give a $236 million tax cut to rich people.

"It's ordinary people paying the costs of those mistakes," Dix said.

He said the simple solution would be for the government to increase funding for public schools to pay for the hydro rate increases.

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Japanese radiation found off B.C. coast

Radiation from the leaking Fukushima Daiichi nuclear reactor has been detected on the shores of Vancouver Island, four years after a deadly earthquake and tsunami in Japan killed 16,000 people.

University of Victoria chemical oceanographer Jay Cullen said Monday that it's the first time radiation has been found on the shorelines of North America since the quake and tsunami ravaged the Japanese north coast and disabled the nuclear reactor.

Low levels of the radioactive isotope Cesium-134, which scientists say can only come from Fukushima, were found in waters collected on Feb. 19 off a dock at Ucluelet, B.C., about 315 kilometres west of Victoria, said Cullen.

Last November, the first sample containing detectable radioactivity from Fukushima was discovered 150 kilometres off the coast of northern California.

"This is the first sample that's been collected in North America with this contaminated plume of sea water, which we've seen offshore, but it's the first time we've actually seen it at the shoreline," Cullen said.

"The levels we are seeing are so low that we don't expect there to be impacts on the health of either the marine environment or people living along the coast," Cullen said.

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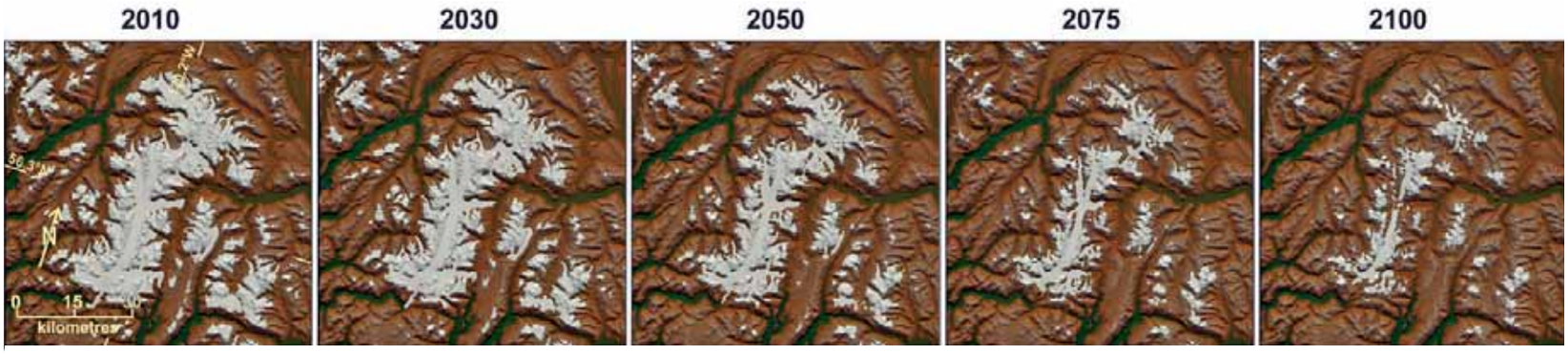

Results of a 3D computer simulation reveal in more detail than ever before the magnitude of glacial thawing due to climate change. COURTESY GARRY CLARKE

Rockies may be iceless by 2100: Study

SCIENCE

3D simulation highlights the magnitude of glacial thawing

Bluebird days on the ski slopes and expeditions to rivers frothing with spawning salmon could be among the quintessential British Columbia pastimes that vanish in the next century if the province's glaciers maintain their melt.

Results of a 3D computer simulation, published in a newly released study, reveal in more detail than ever before the magnitude of glacial thawing due to climate change. The study was published Monday in the journal Nature Geoscience.

It confirms and goes one step further than previous projections on glacial melt, holding up a magnifying glass to specific geography in Western Canada and spurring scientific theorizing about potential localized impacts.

> **This is not a trivial amount.**
> Garry Clarke, study co-author

Researchers anticipate that by 2100, disappearing glaciers may alter how much water is delivered to salmon spawning beds in the B.C. Interior and similarly dry up corporate visions of future ski resorts, said study co-author Garry Clarke.

A near-total loss of glacial ice is expected to be concentrated in the Rocky Mountains, said Clarke, professor emeritus with the University of British Columbia.

Similar disappearance rates are expected in B.C.'s southeastern Columbia Mountains. But the southern coast mountains may fare better than previously expected, mostly sparing the visually stunning Mount Garibaldi, north of Squamish, B.C.

Ice caps in B.C.'s northwest, close to the Alaska and Yukon borders, should also survive.

Researchers spent nearly a decade coding and embedding influential factors into the simulation, amounting to high-resolution representations of the glacial degradation in B.C. and Alberta over the years, said Clarke.

The study projects the maximum rate of ice volume retreat to occur between 2020 and 2040.

Earlier forecasts using less sophisticated calculus predicted the glacial-mass loss would be lower.

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DETAILS

Clarke said the big unknown is human behaviour — how rapidly the glaciers flow eternally into the ocean depends on carbon dioxide and greenhouse gas additions to the atmosphere.

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Duffy's defence team to attack top Tories

EXPENSE SCANDAL

Suspended senator facing 31 charges

Suspended senator Mike Duffy may be the one on trial, but others will also see their motives, character and actions dissected, examined and critiqued over the next several weeks inside an Ottawa courtroom.

Beginning Tuesday, Crown lawyers will lay out their fraud, breach of trust and bribery case against the former Conservative — 31 charges in total.

But so, too, will begin lawyer Donald Bayne's defence of Duffy, a counter-attack that will likely focus in part on the behaviour of key figures from the Prime Minister's Office and party circles.

The expected release of new documents and internal emails in the form of court exhibits has the capacity to breathe new life into the political scandal that consumed the House of Commons two years ago.

Sen. Mike Duffy arrives to the Senate on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Oct. 28, 2013. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A crush of media interest in the trial has prompted officials to establish an overflow room at the courthouse where several camera angles are displayed on large screens in order to accommodate journalists.

Bayne has already given a public preview of sorts of how he plans to approach the allegations. Back in October 2013, Bayne held an animated news conference to respond to the looming suspension of his client from the upper chamber. Charges were laid in July 2014.

That spring, news broke that the prime minister's chief of staff, Nigel Wright, had secretly paid for Duffy's $90,000 in contested living expenses.

Duffy had submitted claims for a secondary residence in the Ottawa area, even though an audit said he spent approximately 30 per cent of his time at the designated primary residence in P.E.I..

Police allege Duffy was the one setting conditions and making demands in exchange for resolving the expenses controversy — hence the bribery charge. An email dated Feb. 13, 2013, in which Duffy's previous lawyer outlined a number of scenarios and conditions, is a central document.

Bayne and Duffy have alleged it's the other way around.

"The payment of $90,000 was not the doing of Senator Duffy," Bayne said in 2013.

"It was a political tactic forced on him by the Prime Minister's Office." THE CANADIAN PRESS

A call to wear pink

Laureen Harper
For Metro

Wednesday, I will be wearing pink.

I will be wearing pink to show my support for Canadian teens across our country who have been bullied, beaten up and beaten down. Whose wounds are real, yet invisible to the human eye.

I will be wearing pink in support of tremendous Canadian organizations like the Canadian Centre for Child Protection and The Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity, formerly Jer's Vision. Organizations that work tirelessly to combat all forms of bullying.

And I will be wearing pink to remind our young people that they are not alone. That their lives matter. That they are deeply loved.

Last year, it was my honour to wear pink and attend an International Day of Pink event hosted by Jer's Vision. The stories we heard were moving. The atmosphere in the room was electrifying. The messages of hope for those in crisis rang so loud and clear that they stayed with me long after the event was over.

We heard from brave parents who told heartbreaking stories of their teens who, out of desperation, took their lives because they believed there was nowhere to go.

We also heard from successful business people and TV personalities who shared their own stories of bullying, victimization and ultimately perseverance. Each story was infused with these messages: Youth in crisis are not alone. Everyone has the power to turn their experience from one of hate to one of hope.

Now, I recognize that it's so easy for us adults to say to our children, "It gets better" and "Hang in there." We've lived long enough to know this to be true. But, sometimes parents aren't the only people in a teen's life who need to communicate this. Sometimes, what it takes is a classroom, or a sports team, or a school club to come together in solidarity and wear pink once a year to remind their peers in crisis that they belong.

So, Wednesday, I will be wearing pink. I hope all Canadians, especially young Canadians, join me. Because one small act of kindness can help someone realize they are not alone. And one simple action can show them that they are stronger than they think.

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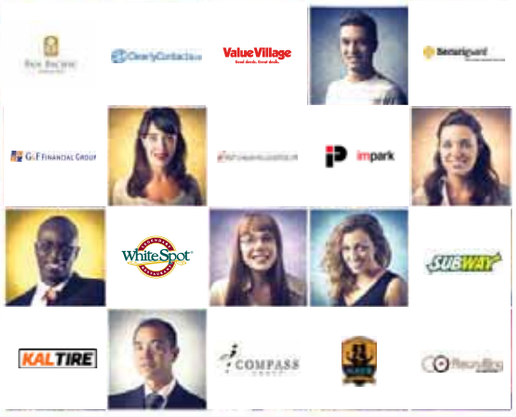

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Prince takes swipe at selfies

MONARCHY

Harry begins month-long stint in the Aussie army

Britain's Prince Harry joked and chatted with an enthusiastic crowd Monday at his only scheduled public appearance during a month-long embedment with Australia's army, declaring pride in his ginger hair and telling a self-obsessed younger generation that "selfies are bad."

The British army captain reported for duty in Australia's capital, Canberra, to begin a four-week attachment to the Australian army that will take him to the east, west and north coasts of the vast nation.

But before he got down to military business, Harry ignored light rain and cool weather to shake hands and chat with hundreds of cheering well-wishers who gathered at cordons to welcome him outside the Australian War Memorial.

Perhaps because of his own history of embarrassing candid photos, he was less generous with teenagers who wanted to photograph themselves with him. He drew laughs when he urged one teen admirer to break the habit of taking "selfies."

"No, I hate selfies. Seriously, you need to get out of it," Ten Network television recorded him telling the admirer.

"I know you're young, but selfies are bad," Nine Network television recorded the prince saying.

Harry, fourth in line to the British throne — he'll move to fifth when brother Prince William's second child is born — also shook hands and gave a high-five to ginger-haired 12-year-old Ethan Toscan, who brought a banner that read "Redheads RULE!"

Like in Britain, redheads are often teased in Australia, where they are known as "rangas" — short for orangutans.

"He said that I was fabulous in making the sign and it's awesome to be a redhead," Ethan said later.

Young and old members of the public gathered at the memorial, with Harry laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier before strolling to the museum's World War I and Afghanistan galleries.

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Britain's Prince Harry laughs with fellow redheads as he meets members of the public during a visit to the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, Australia, Monday.

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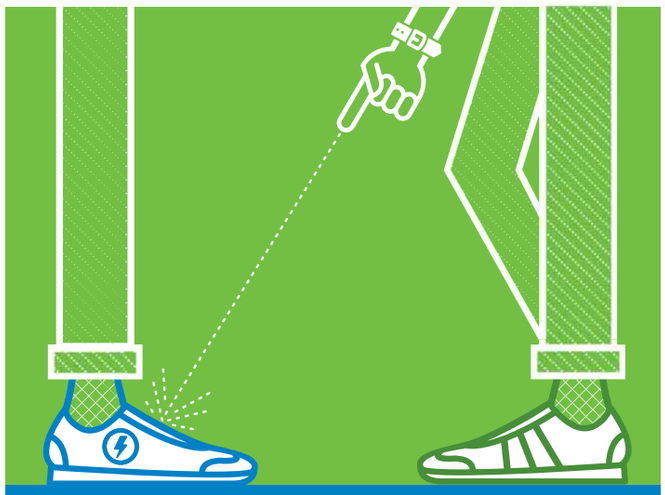

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Kenyan warplanes strike al-Shabab

Kenyan warplanes bombed militant camps in Somalia, officials said Monday, following a vow by President Uhuru Kenyatta to respond "in the fiercest way possible" to a massacre of college students by al-Shabab extremists.

The airstrikes Sunday and Monday targeted the Gedo region of western Somalia, directly across the border from Kenya, said Col. David Obonyo of the Kenyan military.

The al-Shabab camps, which were used to store arms and for logistical support, were destroyed, but it was not possible to determine the number of casualties because of poor visibility, he said.

The Somalia-based militant group claimed responsibility for Thursday's attack at Garissa University College in northeastern Kenya in which militants killed 148 people, most of them students. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

YEMEN

Fighting intensifies on ground in Aden

Pitched fighting intensified Monday in Yemen's second-largest city, Aden, leaving streets littered with dead bodies, as Shiite rebels and their allies waged their strongest push yet to seize control of the main bastion of supporters of their rival, the country's embattled president.

The fierce fighting in the southern port city on the Arabian Sea raises doubts over the possibility of landing ground forces from a Saudi-led coalition backing President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi to try to carve out an enclave to which Hadi, who fled the country two weeks ago, could return.

Saudi Arabia has asked Pakistan to contribute soldiers to the military campaign, as well as air and naval assets.
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IN BRIEF

Prosecutor says Boston bomber meant to punish and terrorize the US

As he planted a backpack containing a bomb just feet from a group of children, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev made a cold-hearted decision aimed at spreading terror and punishing America for its wars in Muslim countries, a federal prosecutor told jurors Monday during closing arguments at Tsarnaev's death penalty trial.

"There was nothing about this day that was a twist of fate," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Aloke Chakravarty. "This was a cold, calculated terrorist act. This was intentional. It was bloodthirsty ... It was to tell America that 'We will not be terrorized by you anymore. We will terrorize you.'"

Defence attorney Judy Clarke countered by arguing, as she did at the trial's outset, that Tsarnaev took part in the attack but that he did so under the malevolent influence of his now-dead older brother, Tamerlan.
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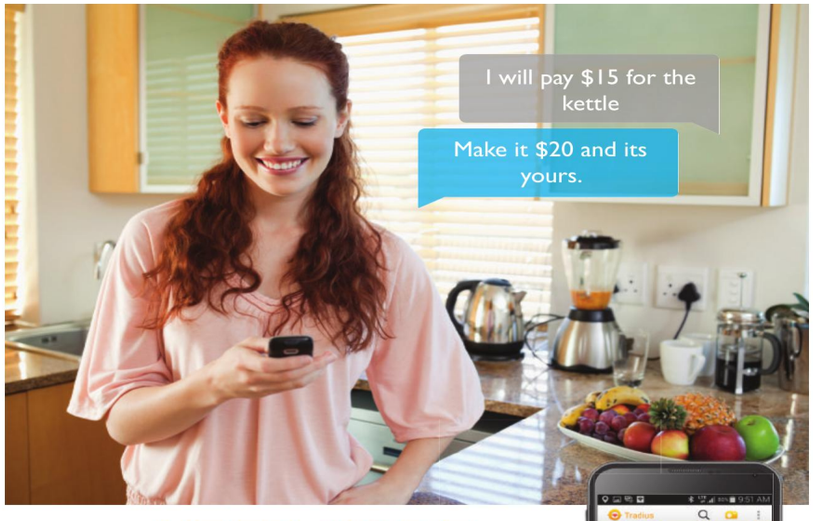

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Tax-free savings to double, Oliver hints

BUDGET

Increasing contribution room benefits rich, critics say

Finance Minister Joe Oliver left no doubt in a confidential letter to fellow Conservatives that his April 21 budget will double the contribution limit for the federal government's popular tax-free savings vehicle.

The current limit for cash going into a Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA) is $5,500 a year, and Oliver indicated the Conservatives would fulfill Prime Minister Stephen Harper's four-year-old pledge to allow Canadians to sock away more money.

Doubling the annual limit will put it at $11,000 a year.

While popular with savers, TFSAs have prompted controversy over which segments of the population are receiving the most benefit from the plan.

In a report in February, Parliamentary Budget Officer Jean-Denis Fréchette concluded that allowing larger contributions to TFSAs will benefit well-off Canadians disproportionately.

Another recent study for the Broadbent Institute by public policy expert Rhys Kesselman said an increase in TFSA contribution room would "shift additional billions from tax revenues into the pockets of the already well-off."

Oliver's letter seeks to debunk these arguments. He cites a finance department study that shows people of all ages and income levels put the maximum amount of savings into their TFSAs. However, the study based on 2013 data shows that it is older Canadians as a group who are taking the most advantage of their TFSAs.

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IN BRIEF

Oil slump dims firms' outlook: Central bank

The sting of lower oil prices has dampened the confidence of companies when it comes to future sales growth, investment and hiring, the Bank of Canada's latest business outlook has found.

The central bank's quarterly sampling of 100 representative businesses, released Monday, suggested cheaper crude had even eroded sales expectations among firms beyond the energy sector, such as those down the supply chain. The survey, conducted between Feb. 17 and March 12, also found dimmer expectations about future investments in machinery and equipment for the coming year, particularly among companies in the goods sector and those hit hard by lower oil prices. The influential questionnaire also found the outlook for hiring had diminished to its lowest level since 2009. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Can you legally file for divorce on Facebook?

If you got married in New York, the answer might be yes. A Supreme Court justice in Manhattan told Ellanora Baidoo she could use Facebook messenger to serve papers to her hard-to-reach husband. The couple got married in a civil ceremony but agreed to wait until they had a traditional wedding before consummating the marriage, which never happened. Baidoo says she doesn't know where her husband lives and they communicate only on the phone and over Facebook.

Tips for the road, now that the cyclists are back

YOUR RIDE
Karen Quinn Fung

With spring in full swing and longer, drier days becoming more the norm, many Vancouverites are tuning up their bikes to hit the roads more regularly. Others (read: some drivers) may be feeling baffled about how cyclists are using the road.

These drivers are probably not alone. Vancouver has very high cyclist numbers these days, and our drivers' ed has yet to catch up with this reality.

But since we're all in this together, here are a few tips for drivers and cyclists to ensure a more harmonious trip.

Careful on bikeways: Neighbourhood bikeways have a speed limit of 30 km/h. They are promoted to cyclists as preferred routes — but they only work if drivers co-operate. If you are driving, take extra care on streets like Adanac, Yukon, Ontario, Heather and 10th Avenue. Many cyclists will expect you to.

Look before passing: Check that it is safe before passing a cyclist — for space ahead as well as beside. Is there an oncoming vehicle, cyclist or controlled intersection limiting our space to merge back in front? The cyclist will be the one at risk and likely justifiably angry if they are put in danger.

Cyclists are not required to ride close to parked cars to accommodate passing cars — they're often protecting themselves by staying out of reach of car doors or seeking to ride predictably by not weaving into empty parking spots. Passing in an intersection with a few exceptions is unsafe and against the rules.

Communicate clearly: It is universally true that other human beings can't read your mind — eye contact isn't always enough. Get your point across in ways that are easily seen, like signalling or body postures. Drivers express intent with their actions — so if we're waiting for a vulnerable road user to go first, a complete stop is the clearest way to indicate it is safe for the cyclist to proceed.

Know thyself: Know your limits and build your knowledge if necessary. Bike Hub's Streetwise Cycling courses are invaluable for cyclists to put safe habits into practice, particularly if you want to be riding on the roads regularly but haven't taken defensive driving training.

Until better training and education for all road users is in place, getting around remains a team sport.

We — truck drivers, taxi operators, pedestrians, car and bus drivers and cyclists — can only win when we're playing our part and following the rules of engagement.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

We don't need another Jackie — rape is real

So, Rolling Stone got it wrong about Jackie.

And now that one of most salacious rape stories of recent times has been pulled from the magazine's website, it might feel like we've lost something.

Jackie (not her real name) was the centrepiece of Rolling Stone's explosive and widely criticized story of gang rape at a U.S. college fraternity.

The story has crumbled under scrutiny. In an independent investigation into how the magazine screwed up quite so horribly, Rolling Stone's journalists have now been publicly shamed.

Some worry this gives ammunition to rape deniers.

But we don't need another story of a brutal assault — another Jackie — to prove we have a rape problem.

We have data.

In Canada, one in three women will be sexually assaulted — a term that includes rape. That's a statistic I've been aware of for at least a decade. There are also an estimated 460,000 sexual assaults in this country every year.

The CBC recently compiled statistics of rape on Canadian campuses — 700 reported over the last five years. It quoted experts who suggest that's only a fraction of the real number.

We also have high-profile cases of the kind that are supposed to spur change.

There's Rehtaeh Parsons, and more recently Rinelle Harper. There are also the six women who accuse Jian Ghomeshi of sexual assault.

Yet, we still seem to be on the hunt for that final, horrifying story. One placed so squarely in our own culture, in our own lives, on our own campuses, that we have to admit rape is our problem to solve.

The investigation into Rolling Stone's reporting found that the magazine's reporter and editors chose Jackie's story because it was so extreme.

Rolling Stone's reporter and editors also claim their empathy got the best of them. On some level, I'd argue they wanted Jackie's story to be true, perhaps so it would cause so much outrage that change would have to follow.

But there is no silver bullet.

"How many more stories do we have to hear to know that this is a serious epidemic in Canada?" Farrah Khan, an anti-violence against women activist, asked me.

Yes, it's important to report on sexual assault, to tell the stories of survivors. But statistically, you already know many of them. You shouldn't need to look into every single one of their faces before deciding to act.

I don't need to hear about another Jackie to know we have a problem.

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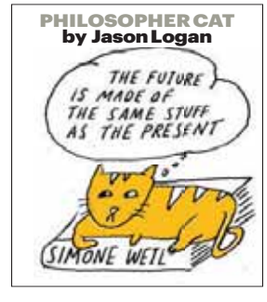

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What to eat, see and do at Coachella '15

INDIO, CALIF.

Just make sure you leave your selfie stick at home this year

There's always plenty of spectacle at Coachella. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Thousands of music lovers will be putting the final touches on their show schedule, camping gear — and no doubt, outfits — before the first weekend of this year's Coachella Festival, which starts April 10 and has performances by AC/DC, Jack White and Drake among its highlights.

The Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival has become increasingly genre-bending over the years, starting out with mainly indie fare and growing to encompass rock, hip hop and dance music. Other top acts due to play include Tame Impala, Steely Dan, Belle and Sebastian, Hozier, Florence and the Machine and David Guetta.

Indio, Calif. will host the first round of visitors April 10-12, with a second weekend running from April 17-19.

Those not lucky enough to find themselves in the California desert (passes are no longer available) will still have a chance to hear the music. The first weekend's performances will be streamed live on YouTube.

As for the legions who are making the trek, those increasingly pampered festival-goers will not want for much: Free public Wi-Fi will be available in beer gardens and VIP areas, and an updated mobile app will help with navigation, scheduling and catching shuttles.

Dining options are not your average campground fare — choices include Dinner in the Rose Garden, a four-course meal for $225 per person — nor are the furnished on-site "safari tents," available at $7,000 for two.

Fashion has always been a key component of Coachella, and this year a co-branded clothing line has been created especially for the event. H&M Loves Coachella's boho pieces are to be sold at a pop-up store on site as well as in H&M stores and online.

Instagram will no doubt be cluttered with Coachella pictures over the next two weeks, but leave the selfie stick at home: Coachella's official rules prohibit the use of the gadgets — more specifically, "selfie sticks/narsisstics."

Visitors have come to expect large-scale sculptures and installations to cover the festival grounds. A list of contributing artists is included on the festival poster, but details remain under wraps, although a forum reveals works by the artists to give a sense of what could be in store. AFP

A '14 Coachella attendee sporting festival gear that inspired this year's trends.

STYLE

Look festival chic on or off the field

Sunglasses from the Katy Perry Forever Festival collection by Claire's

The season's music festivals, starting with Coachella, are clearly influencing spring and summer ready-to-wear. Multiple brands have drawn inspiration from the rock, hippie and boho looks seen in the crowds to produce collections with fringe, lace, mini-shorts and denim.

After emerging a few years ago, the festival-inspired fashion trend is reaching a new level this season. Ready-to-wear and accessories brands are emphasizing boho styles that fashionistas can wear at outdoor concerts as well as in everyday settings.

Sheer fabrics, lace, embroidery, maxi dresses, short shorts, denim, animal prints, floral patterns, fringes and leather: These are some of the defining characteristics of the current festival-inspired fashion trend. The looks range from ultra-sexy to subtle, and there are plenty of opportunities for accessorizing thanks to a wide array of hats, bags, flat lace-up sandals and colourful round sunglasses.

Swedish retail giant H&M led the charge this year with H&M Loves Coachella, its first official collection co-branded with the celebrity-studded Coachella. Mango and Forever 21 are also on board with the trend. AFP

FLOWER POWER

Flowers are hard to miss in the spring-summer 2015 women's collections, and they come in all shapes and sizes this season.

Floral motifs were seen at Christian Dior, Chanel and Manish Arora. The showy, oversized prints of 2014 have given way to more discreet florals this year, seen mainly in prints and delicate embroidery.

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A Stolen Dance with Milky Chance

ON TOUR

Hit YouTube video first propelled duo to fame

Emily Laurence
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It's been one year since best buds Clemens Rehbein and Philipp Dausch uploaded their song Stolen Dance to YouTube — the video now has over 131 million views and the song is on constant rotation on Top 40 radio.

The duo is currently touring North America and will be hitting the festival circuit here and abroad in the summer.

With a first stop at Ottawa's Bluesfest, the German musicians will also perform at Osheaga in Montreal and the Squamish Valley Music Festival in B.C. One thing's for sure: The party's not stopping anytime soon.

Skipping school and jamming out

Rehbein and Dausch met in high school, when they bonded over liking the same type of music.

"We didn't like school much," Rehbein says.

"We started jamming instead of going to math class. I think our other classmates would (describe us as) the most crazy guys who would just enjoy their easy way of living instead of being a student."

It's been a crazy three years for Rehbein and Dausch as they've grown in popularity and started touring all over the world, and it's only strengthened their friendship.

"We shared a hotel room a lot of the time, so we started knowing each other really well," Rehbein says.

Not to mention all the crazy festivals and shows around the world. "We share a lot of memories," Rehbein says.

Influenced by the club scene

Blending pop with electronica is part of what sets Milky Chance apart. Rehbein says they're greatly influenced by the electronica scene in Germany.

"The electronica scene in Germany is really good and it did and does influence our music," he says.

"If you grow up having parties in your (apartment) with your friends and listening to this type of music, it will influence you," Rehbein says, Going clubbing in France and Germany played a part in developing their sound, too, he says

Giving fans the power

Despite being tuned in to the European music scene, the guys have always written their songs in English.

"We just always listened to English music, so it was more natural for us," Rehbein says.

The guys experimented by loading three songs to YouTube: Flashed Junk Mind, Down By The River and Stolen Dance. Three weeks later, Stolen Dance had racked up a crazy amount of hits.

"I feel like the people made the choice for this song to be the single, not us," Rehbein says.

Philipp Dausch and Clemens Rehbein of Milky Chance.
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MUSIC NOTES

A century on, Billie Holiday celebrated for her activism

Billie Holiday died with just $50 to her name taped to her thigh, but on the 100th anniversary of her birth, the jazz legend is enjoying a renaissance as a trailblazer for generations of singers.

When her body gave way at age 44 in 1959, she was under arrest in her hospital bed for possessing narcotics and her savings consisted of the $50 slipped by a reporter who wanted a deathbed interview.

But on the centennial of her birth today, a more complete picture of Holiday is emerging as artists acknowledge her foibles, yet hail her for both her ineffable voice and stance against racism.

In 1939, Holiday debuted one of musical history's great protest songs, Strange Fruit, a searing denunciation of the lynchings of African-Americans in the Deep South. The Apollo, the racially integrated jazz venue in Harlem, was one of the few places where Holiday could perform late in her career, along with Carnegie Hall, as a new cabaret licensing system shut her out of most clubs on account of her character. To celebrate the centennial, Columbia has put out The Centennial Collection, a CD with 20 of Holiday's most influential songs including Summertime, All of Me and Strange Fruit. AFP

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Japan's silver set find their mojo

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An aging population is demanding more wrinkles in their porn

Dressed in a kimono and kneeling silently on a tatami mat floor, 61-year-old Yasue Tomita looks as if she might be about to perform a Japanese tea ceremony. Instead she's debuting as a porn actress.

Fluttering her eyelashes demurely as the cameras prepare to roll, Tomita is proof that in Japan's greying society, you're never too old to chase your dreams, however racy or unorthodox.

She has also become part of a flourishing niche market in Japan: "silver porn" — stretching the limits of eroticism among the elderly and overturning social norms in a country where people are expected to grow old gracefully.

Love isn't confined to the young, either, say Japan's growing army of pensioners exploring their desires in more conventional ways, with dating agencies for the elderly reporting increasingly brisk business.

Tomita confessed to being "a bit rusty," but made no apologies for her rambunctious lust for life, or her decision to put aside her knitting and crochet and launch into a career making X-rated movies.

"I like my handicrafts, but I wanted to try my hand at this, while my body still works," she said in an interview before filming began.

"I do like sex, and this is my last chance before I get too old. I'm very nervous. I wonder if I should really do it, especially in front of so many people, but everyone should follow their dream. "I just hope I can keep up," added Tomita, who used to work in a factory manufacturing car parts and registered for an agency in Japan's booming "adult video" (AV) industry with her daughter.

"We applied through the Internet together. I got offered a job first, which surprised her a bit."

In aging Japan, around 32 million people — a quarter of the population — are 65 or over. Thanks to a low birthrate and growing longevity, that proportion is expected to rise to 40 per cent by 2060.

With statistics like that, it's no surprise that geronto-porn is big business. Adult movies rake in about $20 billion a year, and those featuring unashamedly wrinkly men and women account for between 20 and 30 per cent of that market, industry insiders say. Sales have rocketed over the past decade as more of Japan's perky seniors celebrate their mojo.

Though not for the faint-hearted, the genre took off thanks largely to now-80-year-old Shigeo Tokuda, the twinkle-toed king of granddad porn, who has peeled off for hundreds of hardcore flicks with titles such as Forbidden Elderly Care and Manic Training of Lolitas.

Pornography became widely available in Japan in the 1900s, with 17th-century Edo-era woodblock erotic prints being many people's first introduction to the genre.

Attitudes towards sex are less prudish than in other parts of the world and fun-loving fertility festivals, where giant wooden phalluses are joyfully carried around towns, take place annually in parts of Japan.

"Everyone has different sexual tastes or fetishes," said director Fumiaki Kimura. "Elderly porn has become very popular over the past 10 years or so. Older couples watch together because they can feel a connection, a sense of closeness or familiarity, being the same age."

Natsuko Kayama, 44, a porn star with 25 years' experience in the industry, said she wanted to outlast the oldest swingers in town. "I'd love to be the oldest AV actress," she laughed. "I want to break the record if I can — if I last that long." AFP

Yasue Tomita, 61, makes her debut as a porn actress. She's cashing in on the gerontification of porn in Japan. AFP FILE

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Risk of suicide rises after first attempt

STUDY

Researchers urge followup with patients

The risk of suicide not only rises dramatically after an initial attempt but can persist for many years, a Canadian study has found, suggesting a need for long-term monitoring of patients to prevent them from later taking their own lives.

In what is said to be the largest study of its kind, Toronto researchers found the risk of suicide following an initial attempt — in this case, non-fatal self-poisoning — was 42 times higher than that of the general population.

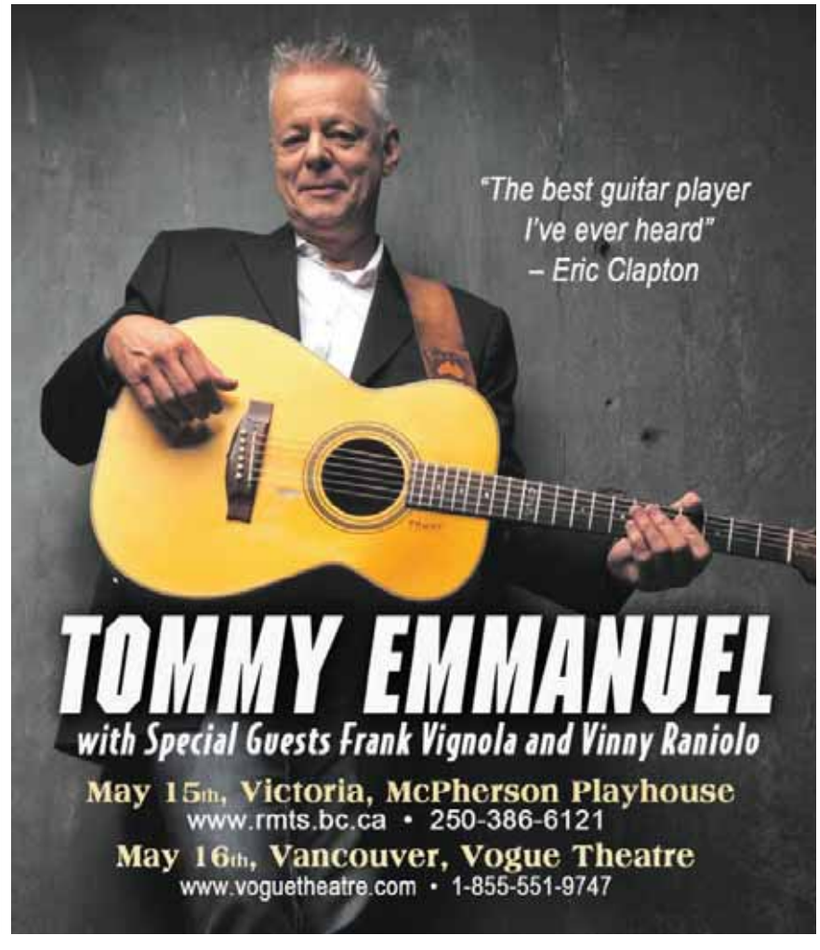
Researchers tracked every person who visited a hospital emergency department in Ontario for self-poisoning between April 2002 and December 2010. They identified 65,784 children and adults who survived the suicide attempt, including almost 18,500 teenagers.

A Canadian study finds suicide risk can persist for years. ISTOCK

Of the 65,000-plus patients discharged after a self-poisoning episode — the most common way of trying to take one's own life — 4,176 individuals died during the followup study period, 976 of them by suicide.

"I think the key message is that patients at all ages — both teenagers and adults — who present to hospital with a first episode of intentional self-poisoning are at a significantly increased risk of suicide over the ensuing decade," said Dr. Yaron Finkelstein, lead author of the study published Wednesday in the journal JAMA Psychiatry.

"About 99 per cent of those who reach hospital alive are surviving," said Finkelstein, an emergency room physician at the Hospital for Sick Children. "And that is the opportunity to identify them and implement prevention for subsequent attempts." THE CANADIAN PRESS WITH FILES FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS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Coffee: More perks than thought for brain, body

SCIENCE

New dietary guidelines cite health benefits

Long viewed as a controversial dark substance, coffee is gaining ground among medical experts who say it can protect against heart disease, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and diabetes, even if it is decaffeinated.

Multiple studies published worldwide in recent years have concluded that coffee can be good for the health.

In February, the U.S. government issued new dietary guidelines, as it does every five years. But this year's recommendations said for the first time that coffee is not generally harmful, even multiple cups per day.

"We looked at all the science," said Miriam Nelson, a professor in the School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University, and a member of the committee that wrote the guidelines. "We have found no negative, adverse effects on health when you drink up to three to five cups a day."

"In fact, there is a decreased risk of cardiovascular disease, Type 2 diabetes, Parkinson's disease and a couple of cancers," including breast and prostate cancer, she said.

She said a "moderate amount" would max out at 500 milligrams of caffeine per day.

Researchers do not yet understand the reason for coffee's health benefits. That's why Tom Brenna, another member of the advisory group that wrote the new guidelines, urged some caution. "Implying that coffee is going to cure cancer is not a very good thing to do," said Brenna, a professor of nutrition and chemistry at Cornell University.

But after poring over the research, experts could find no reason for concern.

"There is no evidence whatsoever for negative health consequences in the general population and if anything, the signal was in another direction. It seems to be protective," Brenna added. AFP

A cup of joe could boost your body's defences. GETTY IMAGES FILE

TECHNOLOGY

A sweet solution for single-serve coffee

A creative sugar-based concept by Singaporean designer Eason Chow addresses the issue of waste produced by single-use coffee pods while infusing a little sweetness in every cup.

Single-serve coffee machines — Keurig, Nespresso, etc. — are in high demand, but the ecological effects of their disposable pods are the focus of much stress among coffee lovers.

Chow's proposed solution? The Droops coffee maker, which would use pods coated in a hard casing of sugar that could be tailored to the drinker's taste, using more or less sugar and infusing flavours as desired. Inside would be a layer of cream or milk, with the coffee powder in the centre like a traditional capsule. AFP

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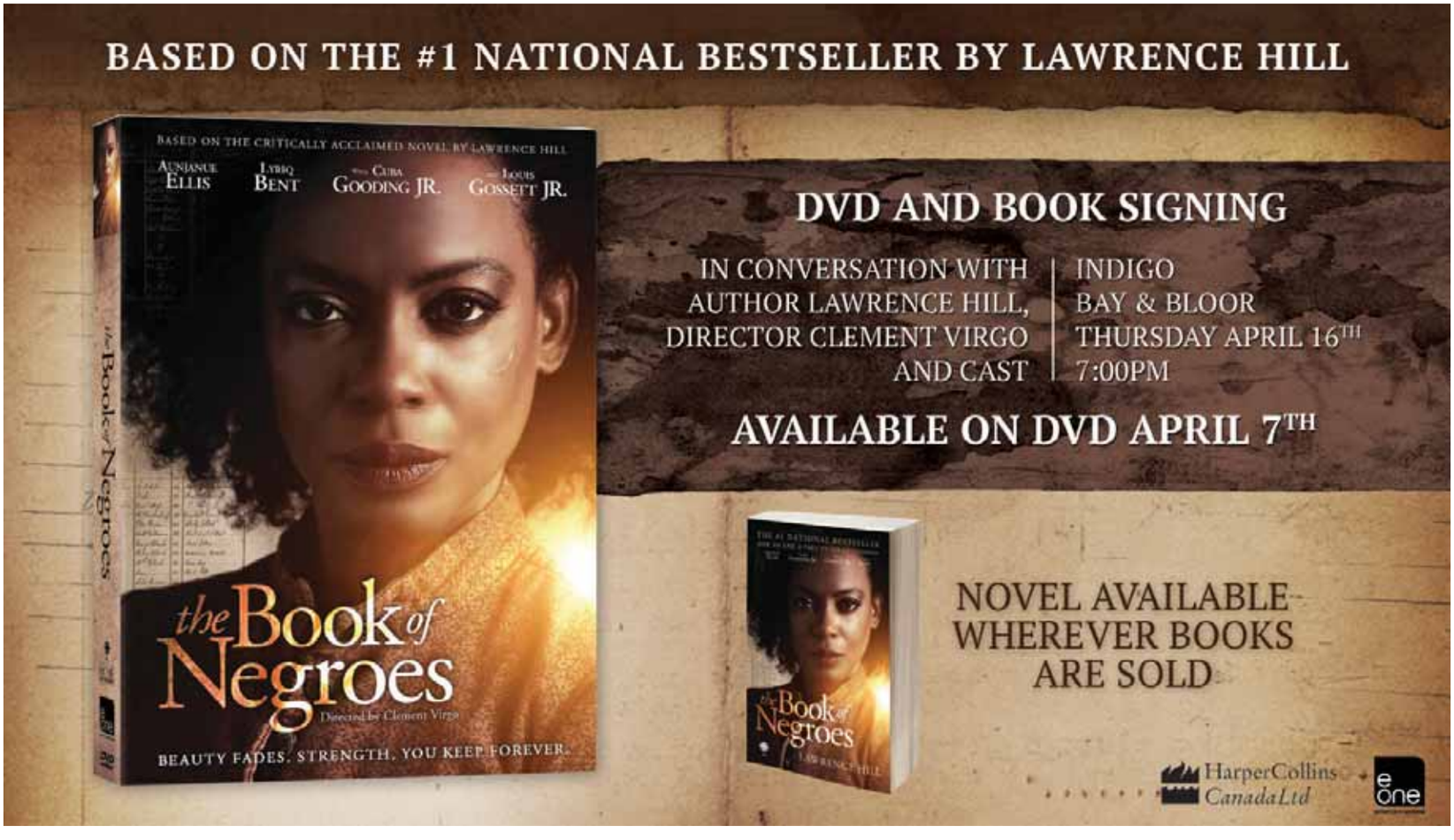
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IN BRIEF

Blue Jays defuse Bronx Bombers on opening day

Edwin Encarnacion hit a two-run homer off Masahiro Tanaka, and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the New York Yankees 6-1 Monday in Alex Rodriguez's return to the major leagues.

Without retired Derek Jeter in the lineup, an opening-day crowd at Yankee Stadium reserved its biggest cheers for Rodriguez in his first game back from a year-long drug suspension. Batting seventh, his lowest spot in a regular-season game since 1996, A-Rod singled, walked, and lined out.

Drew Hutchison, at 24 the youngest opening day starter in Blue Jays' history, allowed just three hits to help Toronto improve to 20-19 in openers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blue Devils capture their fifth national title

Jahlil Okafor scored two big buckets late and his freshman buddy Tyus Jones hit a key three-pointer to lift Duke to its fifth national title Monday night in a 68-63 comeback win over Wisconsin.

Okafor spent big chunks of the second half on the bench after drawing his third, then his fourth foul.

When he returned, he beat Wisconsin's big man, senior Frank Kaminksy, for a pair of buckets, then Jones sank three of his 23 points to complete a run from nine down to eight up with 1:22 left. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canucks come back to best Kings in a shootout

NHL

Higgins scores the winner in the breakaway competition

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Cam Tucker
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When it came to playoff implications, Monday's game between the visiting L.A. Kings and host Vancouver Canucks was full of them.

It had a playoff vibe. It could be a first-round playoff preview. And it pushed one of these teams that much closer to a playoff berth. Indeed, it's that time of year.

In another entertaining clash between the two Pacific Division foes, the Canucks bested the Kings 2-1 in the shootout to improve their record to 46-29-5 and 97 points. Chris Higgins scored the winner. They don't clinch a spot in the post-season, but they inch even closer to attaining that goal.

The Canucks looked doomed by yet another slow start.

Kings centre Trevor Lewis looks to shoot against Canucks defenceman Luca Sbisa and goalie Eddie Lack at Rogers Arena on Monday. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dwight King gave the Kings a 1-0 lead just 1:13 into the first period, as he deflected a Jeff Carter pass just beyond the right pad of Vancouver's goalie Eddie Lack.

The Canucks had plenty of chances to tie the game. They began to find their legs midway through the opening period after another strong penalty kill, but couldn't beat Quick — until the third period when Daniel Sedin scored top corner.

The Canucks host the Arizona Coyotes on Thursday.

IN MINNESOTA

Ondrej Pavelec made 32 saves and the Winnipeg Jets gave their playoff push a big boost with a 2-0 victory over Minnesota on Monday, preventing the Wild from clinching a wild-card spot. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Directions

1. Spread the hummus over a serving plate. Sprinkle with spinach, cucumber, both tomatoes, onion, feta and olives. Serve with pita bread or crackers.

Ingredients

- 1 (10 oz) container of store-bought hummus
- 1/2 cup baby spinach, chopped
- 1/2 cup diced cucumber
- 1/2 cup diced tomatoes
- 1/3 cup rehydrated sun-dried tomatoes, chopped
- 3 Tbsp chopped red onion
- 1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 3 Tbsp chopped black olives
- 1 large pita bread — warmed and cut into wedges (optional)

Nutrition per serving

- Calories 184
- Carbohydrates 17.1g
- Fibre 2.0g
- Protein 7.8g
- Fat 10.6g
- Saturated Fat 1.9g
- Cholesterol 3mg
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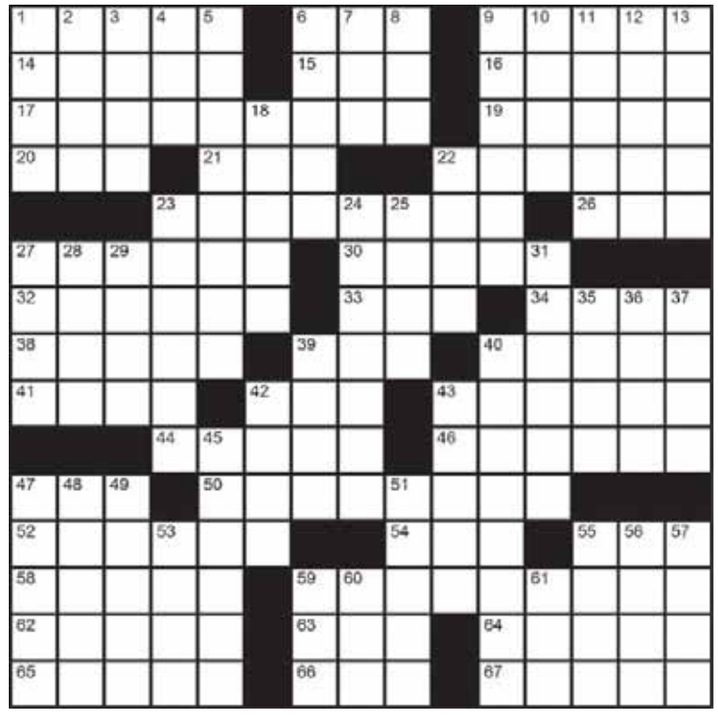

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1. Maritime menace
6. Canadian Hip-Hop artist aka Kevin Coley, __-K
9. Get vitalized: 2 wds.
14. Ancient Greek colony
15. Sir McKellen
16. Sheep-like
17. Elvis Presley's only wife
19. Fixes
20. Family member
21. 100, for short
22. Little Green __ (Green Giant's sidekick)
23. TV specialty channel, __ Canada
26. Kicker's need
27. "Seinfeld" role
30. Standoffish
32. Dan Fogelberg ballad
33. Canada Post delivery, e.g.
34. Hilarious human
38. Soaking spots
39. Li'l dollar parts
40. __ Boingo (American rock group)
41. Prospector's passage
42. Bus. day
43. Bob __ (Journalist/activist born in St. Boniface, Manitoba who co-founded Greenpeace)
44. Seville's land
46. Newfoundland town
47. 0 Meridian letters
50. Janet Jackson song
52. Modernize, maybe
54. Descriptive wd.
55. Heartfelt protest, __ de coeur
58. Red pens the manuscript
59. Orange-in-colour fruit
62. Bel __ (Opera singing style)
63. Fragrant necklace
64. Mr. Quinn of movies
65. Peggy __, "Mad Men" character
66. Timeline times, tiny-ly
67. Destiny beings of myth

DOWN

1. Quaintly quaffs
2. Benicio Del __
3. "Come __ __!" (Welcome!)
4. '__' __ for Regina
5. Juno-winning album by #23-Down: 'Little __'
6. Actress Olivia
7. 'Tutor' suffix
8. __ __ mission
9. "Grey's Anatomy" star Ellen
10. At all
11. Wine grape variety
12. Inordinate
13. Plague, in France
18. Deduce
22. Air pollution
23. Songstress born in Timmins, Ontario
24. Peter __, Premier of Nunavut
25. Varieties
27. British actor Idris
28. Burden
29. Opposing
31. Hippie-style vest adornment
35. Worldwide [abbr.]
36. S-shaped moulding
37. Split
39. Fashionable
40. Peter __, Music Director of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra
42. Chore
43. Business department leaders
45. Being
47. __-Roman wrestling
48. Track prize
49. Same siblings
51. Ms. Hilton
53. Mr. Preminger
55. RCN rank
56. Horse coat style
57. Hostels
59. Work at
60. 'Pamphlet' suffix
61. Italian pronoun

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You will go over the top and say something excessive today but as you're an Aries people tend to expect it of you. Just make sure you aim your barbed comments at people who can speak up and stand up for themselves.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You may be tempted to give up on something that is not working out the way you expected but is that wise? The planets urge you to stick with it a while longer because a breakthrough is imminent.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Avoid getting involved in disputes that have nothing to do with you. Some of your friends may get angry that you are not prepared to stick up for them but if you take their side today every other side will be against you tomorrow.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You will be tempted to place your trust in a stranger who says the right things, but that does not mean you are doing the right thing.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Don't be surprised if something you feel strongly about fails to get much of a response from those you feel should be most concerned. Maybe you are too close to the situation.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If someone annoys you today you will react in a way that surprises a few people — and scares a few more! Yes, of course, you will regret it tomorrow when you have calmed down.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Try not to get annoyed if someone whose support you rely on opposes you in some way today. They are entitled to their point of view and if they disagree with you they have a duty to say so. Maybe you should listen.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You may find it difficult to focus over the next few days — there are too many things going on for you to concentrate on one thing for any length of time.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
It's just as well you enjoy multi-tasking because partners and colleagues will have you running in all directions today. But don't let it get to the stage where you begin to lose track of what you have done.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You are reading too many things into too many situations and it's not healthy. Make it your aim today to think and analyze less and just go with the flow.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You may have a right to be angry that someone has let you down but try not to go over the top about it. The most important thing you have is your reputation for fairness and logical thinking.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Little things will rub you up the wrong way in a big way over the next 24 hours. Others may say you are over-reacting, and maybe you are, but you are also right to get annoyed.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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